The Silvicola Burgeff Group of the genus Zygaena Fabricius (Lep., Zygaenidae)

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The recent separation by Alberti (1958: 314) of Zygaena romeo Duponchel and osterodensis Reiss (=scabiosae auctorum) has made a study of the genitalia of the various subspecies necessary. In the following paper, the subspecies are now grouped under two species according to their genital characters and the remaining species of the group have also been studied. The terminology of the genitalia follows that of Alberti (loc. cit.).

In addition to difficulties in separating the species, a considerable amount of confusion has existed in the nomenclature. osterodensis Reiss is here considered to be the name of the species formerly known as scabiosae Scheven while the latter is placed as a subspecies of purpuralis Brünnich. This was first suggested by Reiss (1933: 252) who considered that the specimens figured by Schäffer (1766: pl. 16, figs. 4, 5), and named scabiosae by Scheven (1777: 97), were true purpuralis. The latter species is still found in the neighbourhood of Regensburg but the species osterodensis (=scabiosae auctorum) does not occur there and, even if it were found there in the time of Schäffer, it must have been so rare that it could not have predominated. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that, if both species occurred at Regensburg, Schäffer took the commoner species (purpuralis) for his illustrations. On the basis of this argument, Reiss (loc. cit.) considered romeo Duponchel to be the species name. However, as stated above, romeo has recently been separated by Alberti (loc. cit.) as a species distinct from scabiosae auct, and, the next available name for the latter is osterodensis Reiss. This has already been suggested by Bernardi & Viette (1960: 245). The name minos Denis & Schiffermüller, which was considered by Dujardin (1952: 246) to be the species name of osterodensis, should, in our opinion, be used to represent the subspecies of purpuralis which occurs in the Vienna district of Austria. This opinion is also held by Bernardi & Viette (loc. cit.).

The examination of a Zygaena specimen, which was accepted as the type of dalmatina Boisduval, led to a further change in the name of the species (Tremewan, 1961b: 283). The name romeo was then returned to subspecific rank and dalmatina was taken as the species name. study of the genitalia of this group has revealed that the species romeo probably does not occur in Dalmatia. It was originally thought that the subspecies goriziana Koch from Görz, Istria and koricnensis Reiss from Korična, Bosnia, were conspecific with romeo. An examination of the genitalia of the type of koricnensis and of genitalia drawings of two paratypes (d, Q) of goriziana showed these to be subspecies of osterodensis (=scabiosae auct.). The distribution (fig. 1) suggests that romeo does not occur in Dalmatia. After the publication of the Zygaena type catalogue (Tremewan, 1961b), Holik (1961: 51) published an article on the problem and maintained his earlier opinion (Holik, 1935: 60) that dalmatina is a subspecies of punctum Ochsenheimer, and that the specimen in the Boisduval collection was not the true type. In reply to Holik's paper, an article was published by Reiss & Tremewan (1962: 39) when an attempt was made to confirm the validity of the type.

In the original description of dalmatina, Boisduval (1834: 45) stated that the specimen was found in Dalmatia, in the nieghbourhood of Ragusa (Dubrovnik). Boisduval compared the specimen with examples of "scabiosae" (romeo Duponchel) from Italy and the Alps and stated that many of the Italian and Alpine specimens were referable to dalmatina. The specimen which was illustrated as the type (Tremewan, 1961b: 283, pl. 54, fig. 18) is conspecific with romeo Duponchel and is, in fact, probably one of the Italian or Alpine specimens mentioned by Boisduval. Holik, who has examined a photograph of the specimen, stated (in lit.) that it is an example of romeo orion Herrich-Schäffer. The additional evidence shows that it can no longer be regarded as the genuine type of dalmatina. Neither the species romeo nor osterodensis are known to occur at Ragusa while punctum is found abundantly in this locality (Holik, in lit.). It is therefore logical to follow Holik's opinion that the true dalmatina is the subspecies of punctum occurring in the Ragusa district of Dalmatia.

The distribution (fig. 1) of romeo and osterodensis overlaps in Istria, the west Alps through southern France to the East Pyrenees. It is possible that, in these localities, hybridization occurs as many specimens from these areas have what appear to be intermediate characters in the genitalia. Such intermediate characters have been noted in romeo parvorion Holik, romeo freyeri Lederer, romeo orionides Burgeff, romeo lozerica Holik, romeo urania Marten and osterodensis eupyrenaea Burgeff.

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Z. gallica Oberthür

degree genitalia. Horns of uncus short, broad and flat, variable. In the aedeagus, the lamina dorsalis is triangular in shape, shorter and broader than that in *nevadensis* Rambur, laterally edged with strong spines. Near the base a transverse row of strong and fairly well developed spines, rather variable in length but usually longer than those in *nevadensis*. Central part of lamina dorsalis spiculate, anterior to basal spines, scobinate. Lamina ventralis rather narrow but broader at the base, comprised of a field of short, strong spines, latter stronger and larger at the base and towards the centre. A portion of the vesica spiculate, cornuti hardly evident. Vesical pad or "Blase" present.

 genitalia. "Schildchen" very broad, triangular in shape. A slight development of the lamella postvaginalis, lamella antevaginalis ovoid, elongate. Ductus bursae weakly sclerotized on one side, anteriorly. Bursa copulatrix spherical, signum vestigial or absent.

First pair of tibial spurs present or absent.

Superficially, gallica may be distinguished from giesekingiana Reiss by the narrower forewings and rather denser scaling. The middle forewing streak is rarely broken in gallica and, when this does occur, is found only in aberrant specimens.

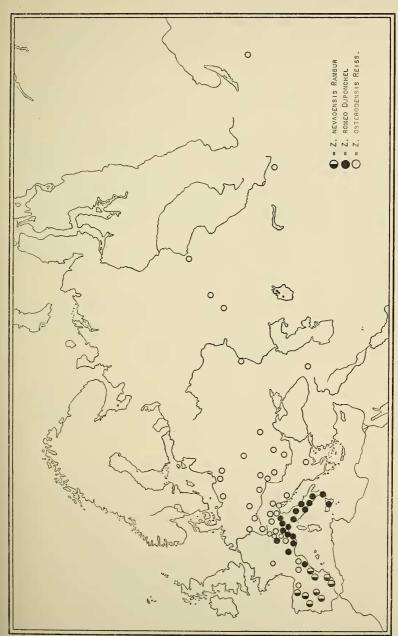


Fig. 1.-Distribution of Zygaena neuradensis Rambur, Z. romeo Duponchel, and Z. osterodensis Reiss.

Z. gallica gallica Oberthür

Z. gallica Oberthür, 1898, Bull. Soc. ent. Fr., p. 21.

Type locality: Neighbourhood of Digne, Basses-Alpes, France, 1000 m. Material examined: Lectotype \circlearrowleft , 25 \circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft , 3 \circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft , Digne, Basses-Alpes.

d genitalia. As above. The differences in the genitalia of gallica and giesekingiana are slight and possibly do not justify their separation into two distinct species. The two lateral spines at the base of the lamina dorsalis are more strongly developed in giesekingiana.

Q genitalia. Ductus bursae weakly sclerotized compared with that in *giesekingiana*, signum vestigial or absent in *gallica*, vestigial in *giesekingiana*.

The genitalia of gallica are figured by Le Charles (1935:15) and Alberti (1958: 314). The latter author has placed gallica as a subspecies of nevadensis Rambur but we see no justification for this. The genital differences, although small, remain constant. The lamina dorsalis of gallica is longer, while the lateral spines are longer and more strongly developed. In the females, the lamella antevaginalis in gallica is broader than that in nevadensis and the ductus bursae is broader and more heavily sclerotized. In nevadensis the signum is well developed but is vestigial or absent in gallica.

Reiss (1953: 141, pl. 9, figs. 10, 11) illustrates the nominate subspecies in colour.

Z. gallica frigidagallica Dujardin

Z. gallica frigidagallica Dujardin, 1956, Bull. mens. Soc. linn. Lyon, 25: 254.

Type locality: Céuze, environs de Gap, Hautes-Alpes, France, 1500 m. Material examined: $1\vec{\varsigma}$, Céuze (coll. H. Reiss).

d genitalia. As in gallica gallica.

Z. gallica ssp.

♂♀ genitalia. As in gallica gallica.

Z. giesekingiana Reiss

♂ genitalia. Horns of uncus short, broad and flat, variable. In the aedeagus, the lamina dorsalis is broad, triangular, laterally edged with strong spines, a larger and stronger spine on each side at the base, between these two large spines a transverse row of spines decreasing in length towards the middle. Central part of lamina dorsalis spiculate. Anterior to basal spines the lamina dorsalis is scobinate. Lamina ventralis broad at the base, narrowing anteriorly, comprised of a field of short, strong spines, latter thicker and shorter at base and towards the middle. Part of vesica spiculate, cornuti hardly evident, vesical pad or "Blase" present.

 \cite{Q} genitalia. "Schildchen" very broad, triangular in shape. Lamella postvaginalis moderately developed, lamella antevaginalis curved but narrower than that in gallica. Ductus bursae moderately sclerotized on one side, bursa copulatrix spherical, signum vestigial.

First pair of tibial spurs present or absent.

Z. giesekingiana Reiss

- Z. giesekingiana Reiss, 1930, in Seitz, Die Gross-schmetterlinge der Erde, Supplement, 2: 9, pl. 1h.
- Z. gallica f. interrupta Boursin, 1923, Bull. Soc. ent. Fr., p. 68, fig. 1 (infraspecific).

Type locality: St. Barnabé (Vence to Coursegoules), Alpes-Maritimes, France, 1000 m.

Material examined: 11 \circlearrowleft , 2 \circlearrowleft , St. Barnabé; Grasse, Alpes-Maritimes.

♂♀ genitalia. As above, see also under gallica gallica.

The genitalia are figured by Le Charles (1953: 13) and Alberti (1958: This species was originally described as a form of gallica by Boursin. It was later raised to specific rank by Reiss who renamed it giesekingiana. The name interrupta Boursin is infraspecific and, having no status in nomenclature, is not available. The name giesekingiana is therefore valid. Verity (1953: 51) incorrectly gave priority to the name interrupta Boursin. Le Charles (1953: 14) was of the same opinion and, in addition, considered giesekingiana and gallica to be conspecific. Alberti (loc. cit.) considered giesekingiana to be conspecific with nevadensis but we see no justification for this conclusion. The genital differences between nevadensis and giesekingiana remain constant. It is, however, difficult to decide whether giesekingiana and gallica are specifically distinct as the genital differences are small. It is interesting to note that they fall into two groups: (1) gallica, which has a wider distribution than giesekingiana and which at present can be separated into three geographical races or subspecies as follows: (a) gallica gallica from Digne, Basses-Alpes; (b) gallica frigidagallica from Céuze, Hautes-Alpes; (c) gallica ssp. from Mt. Ventoux, Vaucluse; (2) giesekingiana which is known from four localities, all closely situated in the Alpes-Maritimes, and which cannot be separated into various subspecies. The localities are St. Barnabé (type locality), Grasse, Coursegoules and Thorenc. larvae of giesekingiana feed on Lathyrus filiformis Gay which is also the foodplant of gallica (Reiss, 1953: 135).

Reiss (1953: 141, pl. 9, figs. 1-8) illustrates giesekingiana in colour.

Z. nevadensis Rambur

 σ genitalia. Horns of uncus short, broad and flat, rather variable. In the aedeagus, the lamina dorsalis is rather long, triangular in shape, laterally edged with strong spines, a longer and more strongly developed spine on each side at the base. Between these two basal spines a transverse row of spines which vary in length and which become shorter towards the centre. Central part of lamina dorsalis spiculate, basal part anterior to large spines, scobinate. Lamina ventralis narrow, comprised of a field of short, strong spines which become smaller posteriorly. Part of the vesica spiculate, a single group of cornuti composed of a field of minute spines. Vesical pad or "Blase" present.

Q genitalia. "Schildchen" broadly triangular but variable in shape. Lamella postvaginalis moderately developed, unsclerotized, lamella antevaginalis rather broad, elongate. Ductus bursae moderately sclerotized, especially on one side. Bursa copulatrix spherical, signum present, fairly strong, comprised of approximately 18-34 spines.

First pair of tibial spurs present or absent.

Z. nevadensis nevadensis Rambur

- Z. nevadensis Rambur, 1866, Catalogue systématique des Lépidoptères de l'Andalousie, p. 166, pl. 1, fig. 10.
- Z. nevadensis atlantica Le Charles, 1957, Rev. franç. Lépid., 16: 21, pl. 5, figs. 37, 38 (nomen nudum).

Type locality: central parts of the Sierra Nevada, south Spain.

Material examined: A series of both sexes from the Sierra Nevada and the Sierra de Alfacar, Granada.

- $\mathcal S$ genitalia. Spines at base of the lamina dorsalis variable in length, usually short and reduced. A single group of minute cornuti, vesical pad or "Blase" present.
- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{Q}}$ genitalia. Lamella postvaginalis moderately developed, lamella antevaginalis broadly elongate, ductus bursae moderately sclerotized, signum present.

Le Charles (1957: 21) applied the name atlantica to two specimens of nevadensis which are purported to have been taken at Ifrane and Douala in Morocco. As no description accompanied the publication of the name atlantica Le Charles, it can only be treated as a nomen nudum and, for convenience, is placed here under the nominate subspecies of nevadensis. In the text, Le Charles stated that the specimens were referable to the species romeo Duponchel but in the legend to plate 5 refers them to nevadensis! The figures 37 and 38 on plate 5 undoubtedly represent two examples of nevadensis. It would be of interest to verify whether nevadensis does actually occur in Morocco.

Z. nevadensis dumalis Marten

Z. nevadensis dumalis Marten, 1957, Ent. Z., 67: 14.

Type locality: Sierra de los Filabres, upper half of Baza, south Spain, $1400\ m$.

We have been unable to examine material of this subspecies.

Z. nevadensis kricheldorffi Reiss

Z. nevadensis kricheldorffi Reiss, 1933, in Seitz, Die Gross-schmetterlinge der Erde, Supplement, 2: 252; 1931, Int. ent. Z., 25: 114, figs.

Type locality: Neighbourhood of Guarda, Portugal, 800 m.

The genitalia of this subspecies have not been examined.

Z. nevadensis guadalupei Koch

Z. nevadensis guadalupei Koch, 1948, Eos, Madr., 24: 326.

Type locality: Guadalupe, Prov. Caceres, Spain, 654 m. We have been unable to examine material of this subspecies.

Z. nevadensis schmidti Reiss

Z. scabiosae schmidti Reiss, 1931, Int. ent. Z., 25: 112, figs.

Type locality: Neighbourhood of Arenas St. Pedro, Prov. Avila (Sierra de Gredos), Spain.

d genitalia. Lateral spines of lamina dorsalis rather shorter and thicker than those in ssp. nevadensis. Vesical pad or "Blase" present.

Q genitalia. A slight development of the lamella postvaginalis, lamella antevaginalis elongate, ductus bursae moderately sclerotized, signum present.

Originally described as a subspecies of *scabiosae auct*. but later transferred by Reiss (1933: 252) to *nevadensis* which was then separated as a distinct species. The paratype examined is figured by Tremewan (1961b: 308, pl. 57, fig. 25).

Z. nevadensis muda Marten

Z. nevadensis muda Marten, 1957, Ent. Z., 67: 15.

Type locality: Upper half of the Tera valley, between Laguna de Yengua and Laguna de Villachica, east of Mt. Moncalvo, Prov. Zamorra, Spain, 1300 m.

We have been unable to examine material of this subspecies.

Z. nevadensis falleriana Reiss

Z. scabiosae falleriana Reiss, 1931, Int. ent. Z., 25: 111, figs.

Type locality: Albarracin, Sierra Noguera and Sierra Alta, Aragon, Spain, 1400-1700 m.

Material examined: 17 ♂♂, 11 ♀♀, Orihuela, Aragon, 1700 m.

- 3 genitalia. Spines at the base of lamina dorsalis rather short but becoming longer laterally. A single group of cornuti, vesical pad or "Blase" present.
- Q genitalia. Lamella postvaginalis moderately developed, lamella antevaginalis elongate, ductus bursae moderately sclerotized, signum present.

This subspecies was originally described under scabiosae auct. but was subsequently transferred to nevadensis by Reiss (1933: 252).

Z. nevadensis picos Agenjo

A. scabiosae picos Agenjo, 1953, Graellsia, 11: 1.

Type locality: Fuente Dé, Camaleño, Santander (Picos de Europa), Spain, 1001 m.

Material examined: 1 \circlearrowleft , paratype, Fuenté Dé, Camaleño (G. Pardo coll.); 3 \circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft 10 \circlearrowleft 9, Riano, Leon (W. B. L. Manley coll.).

This was originally described as a subspecies of scabiosae auct. but an examination of a paratype σ has shown it to be a subspecies of nevadensis. Agenjo, in the original description, also referred to specimens recorded by Reiss (1931: 113) and Koch (1948: 322) but these specimens are osterodensis (scabiosae auct.) and are referable to ssp. cantabrica Marten.

In addition to the paratype, a short series of *nevadensis* (3 \circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft , 10 \circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft) from Riano, Leon has been examined. These specimens were previously placed as ssp. *picos* which was then transferred to *nevadensis* (Tremewan, 1961a: 6; 1963: 8).

Z. nevadensis timida Marten

Z. nevadensis timida Marten, 1956, Ent. Z., 66: 287.

Z. agenjoi Le Charles, 1957, Rev. franç. Lépid., 16: 21, pl. 6, figs. 39, 40 (syn. nov.).

Type locality: Neighbourhood of Vallibona, mountains between Castellon and Tortosa, east Spain, 900 m.

Material examined: 1 \circlearrowleft , Tortosa (*Z. agenjoi* Le Charles, lectotype \circlearrowleft [Paris Museum coll.]).

3 genitalia. As in nevadensis nevadensis.

We have been unable to examine the type material of timida Marten which was described as a subspecies of nevadensis. An examination of the lectotype $\mathcal S$ of Z. agenjoi Le Charles, which was described as a species, shows it to be conspecific with nevadensis. The lectotype of agenjoi originated from Tortosa (leg. Marten) and was probably captured in the same locality as the type specimens of $ssp.\ timida$, under which the name is now placed as a synonym.

The lectotype of of agenjoi was selected by Le Charles (1960: 103).

Z. nevadensis ssp.

A short series of *nevadensis* (6 ♂♂) from Sta. Fe, Sre. Montseny, Catalonia, probably represent a new subspecies. The most noticeable character in these specimens is the wide hindwing border. One specimen is strongly aberrant and has the forewing spots confluent and suffused with red scaling.

3 genitalia. Spines at the base of the lamina dorsalis short but well developed, vesical pad or "Blase" present.

Z. mana Kirby

♂ genitalia. Horns of the uncus short, flat, variable. In the aedeagus, the lamina dorsalis is elongate and triangular in shape, laterally edged with short, strong spines. Near the base, a transverse row of strong spines, variable in length, often decreasing in size towards the centre. Central portion of lamina dorsalis spiculate, anterior to basal spines, scobinate. Lamina ventralis narrow, comprised of a field of strong, short spines, latter decreasing in size posteriorly. Portion of vesica spiculate, cornuti hardly evident. "Blase" absent.

 $\mbox{$\mathbb{Q}$}$ genitalia. "Schildchen" very broad, variable, triangular in shape. Lamella postvaginalis developed, weakly sclerotized, bursa copulatrix spherical, signum absent.

In superficial characters mana may be separated from osterodensis (=scabiosae auct.) by its smaller size, broader forewings with rounded apex and generally broader hindwing border. Forewing streaks rather thicker than those in osterodensis. Antennae of mana shorter and rather more heavily clubbed than the antennae of osterodensis.

First pair of tibial spurs absent.

Z. mana mana Kirby

- Z. mana Kirby, 1892, A synonymic Catalogue of Lepidoptera Heterocera (Moths), p. 64 (nomen novum for *erebus* Staudinger).
- Z. erebus Staudinger, 1867, Stettin. ent. Ztg., 28: 101 (preoccupied).
- Z. erebaea Burgeff, 1926, Mitt. münch. ent. Ges., 16: 15.

Type locality: Adshara region, Georgia, Transcaucasia.

Material examined: 5 \circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft , 2 \circlearrowleft , Achalzych, Adshara region.

♂♀ genitalia. As above.

A considerable amount of confusion has existed in the synonymy of this species which was originally described as *erebus* by Staudinger. The name *erebus* Staudinger, 1867, is a secondary homonym of *erebus* Meigen, 1830, which is a synonym of *anthyllidis* Boisduval, 1829. Kirby (1892: 64) proposed the name *mana* to replace *erebus* Staudinger. In 1926, Burgeff proposed the name *erebaea*, apparently not aware of the name *mana*

Kirby. The name *erebaea* Burgeff is therefore a synonym of *mana* Kirby. This synonymy was correctly published by Verity (1953: 50) and has been accepted by Holik & Sheljuzhko (1955: 112) and Alberti (1958: 315).

The species has been confused with adsharica Reiss with which, superficially, it is very similar. However, the two species may be readily separated on genital characters. Z. adsharica, which flies in the same region as mana mana, is not closely allied and belongs to the brizae Esper group of species (Cirsiphaga Holik). In superficial characters, adsharica may be separated from mana by the lower forewing streak which is broader and occupies the whole of the area between veins 1b, 1c, and the median vein. In mana, the lower forewing streak is narrow and constricted in the middle and does not extend in breadth to vein 1b. The first pair of tibial spurs are present in adsharica but are absent in mana.

Z. mana chaos Burgeff

Z. chaos Burgeff, 1926, Mitt. munch. ent. Ges., 16: 15.

Z. erebus ab. interrupta Burgeff, 1914, Mitt. münch. ent. Ges., 5: 45, pl. 5, fig. 18 (infrasubspecific).

Type locality: Bethania near Tiflis, Georgia, Transcaucasia.

Material examined: 1 &, paratype, Bethania, Tiflis.

♂ genitalia. As in mana mana.

Verity (1953: 51) placed the names *interrupta* Burgeff and *chaos* Burgeff as synonyms of *mana*. This is incorrect as *chaos* is a distinct subspecies. The name *interrupta* is infrasubspecific and, although published earlier than *chaos*, is not available. Burgeff originally described *chaos* as a distinct species but Holik & Sheljuzhko (1955: 116) have correctly placed it as a subspecies of *mana*. The paratype examined is figured by Tremewan (1961b: 308, pl. 57, fig. 25).

Z. mana tarkiensis Holik & Sheljuzhko

Z. mana tarkiensis Holik & Sheljuzhko, 1955, Mitt. münch. ent. Ges., 44/45: 115.

Type locality: Berg Tarki near Petrovsk (Machatsh-Kala), Dagestan, Ciscaucasus.

Material examined: 2 ♂ ♂, 1 ♀, Kurush, Dagestan.

♂♀ genitalia. As in mana mana.

Holik & Sheljuzhko (1955: 116) placed the population of mana from Kurush under ssp. tarkiensis.

Z. rjabovi Holik

♂ genitalia. Horns of uncus short, flat and variable in shape. Lamina dorsalis triangular in shape, laterally edged with strong spines, a transverse row of strong spines, variable in length, near the base, central area spiculate, anterior to basal spines, scobinate. Lamina ventralis narrow, comprised of a field of short, strong spines, larger and more strongly developed at the base. A portion of the vesica spiculate, cornuti comprised of a field of minute spines. "Blase" absent.

First pair of tibial spurs present.

Z. rjabovi Holik

Z. mana rjabovi Holik, 1939, Ent. Rdsch., 56: 115.

Type locality: Daratshitshag, Armenia, 2000 m.

Material examined: 2 \circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft , Daratshitshag (coll. H. Reiss), prep. Nos. 24154A, 24154B, F. Dujardin.

d genitalia. As above.

Holik originally described *rjabovi* as a subspecies of *mana* Kirby. Koch (1939: 403; 1940: 199) placed *rjabovi* as a distinct species. Holik (1940/41: 213) referred to Koch's opinions but still maintained that *rjabovi* should be considered a subspecies of *mana*. Reiss (1953: 141, pl. 9, figs. 15-18) placed *rjabovi* as a separate species and illustrated four specimens in colour. Holik & Sheljuzhko (1955: 117) placed *rjabovi* as a distinct species following the opinions of Koch (loc. cit.). Alberti (1958: 316) placed *rjabovi* as a subspecies of *mana*.

Z. rjabovi is closely related to mana and is very similar in genitalia but may be separated by the longer and more elongate lamina dorsalis. The spines at the base are shorter although this may be a variable character. The uncus horns of mana are rather larger and broader than those of rjabovi.

Superficially, it may be distinguished from mana by the broken, middle streak in the forewings.

Z. teberdica Reiss

degenitalia. Horns of uncus short, flat. In the aedeagus, the lamina dorsalis is triangular in shape, laterally edged with short, strong spines. Near the base a transverse row of strong spines, moderate in length. Central area of lamina dorsalis spiculate, anterior to basal spines, scobinate. Lamina ventralis narrow, comprised of a field of strong, short spines, latter decreasing in size posteriorly. Cornuti of vesica hardly evident, "Blase" present, well developed.

First pair of tibial spurs absent.

Z. teberdica Reiss

Z. erebaea teberdica Reiss, 1939, Ent. Z., 53: 113.

Type locality: Teberda region, north Caucasus.

Material examined: Holotype \circlearrowleft , Teberda region (coll. H. Reiss), prep. no. 29154, F. Dujardin.

d genitalia. As above.

Z. teberdica was originally described as a subspecies of erebaea Burgeff (=mana Kirby) by Reiss who subsequently raised it to specific status (Reiss, 1953: 141, pl. 9, fig. 14). The type is figured in colour by Reiss (loc. cit.). Holik & Sheljuzhko (1955: 114) placed teberdica as a subspecies of mana Kirby. Alberti (1958: 315) placed the name teberdica as a synonym of mana. However, in our opinion, teberdica should be considered as a distinct species and may be separated from mana by the shape of the lamina dorsalis which, in the latter species, is more elongate than that in the former. The lateral and basal spines are longer in mana. The absence of the "Blase" in mana may, if constant, be a further character for separating the two species.

Superficially, teberdica differs from mana in its smaller size, rather broader hindwing border and the middle streak of the forewing. In teberdica, the middle streak is constricted but in mana is usually of equal width throughout.